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LAWLER NAMED.

The Illinois Man Chosen Commander-in-Chief

Of the Grand Army by a Close Vote.

OTHER NOMINATIONS.

A. P. Birchfield, of Pittsburg Senior Vice.

Charles Chute of Louisiana Chosen Junior Vice.

PITTSBURG, Sept. 13.—Colonel Thomas G. Lawler of Rockford, Ill., was elected commander-in-chief of the Grand Army of the Republic today by a majority of eleven votes over Colonel I. N. Walker of Indianapolis. It was the closest contest for the office in the history of the G. A. R.

Major A. P. Birchfield of this city was elected senior vice-commander and Chas. A. Schupe of New Orleans, junior vice-commander.

Business and activity characterized the lobby of the new Grand Opera House at an early hour, and long before the second day's session of the Grand Army convention opened, there was a crowd of lobbyists at work in favor of their several candidates for office.

The two candidates for the highest office in the giving of the Grand Army of the Republic came to the convention early. Colonel Thomas G. Lawler arrived at 9:15 a. m. with all his department delegates.

The first business when the convention met was the nomination for national officers.

Major A. P. Birchfield, of this city, was nominated for senior vice commander, and as there was no opposition he was elected unanimously.

For junior vice commander, Corporal Tanner proposed Philip S. Biglin, of New York. When Charles Chute, of Louisiana, was put forward in nomination for the same office by the present department commander of Louisiana, Mr. Biglin withdrew and Charles Chute was elected junior vice without a ballot.

The next election was that for surgeon general. Comrade O. W. Weeks, of Mexico, O., was without opposition and was unanimously elected.

Chaplain in chief was the next elective office. For this position F. H. Haggerty of St. Louis, and Comrade Southward of Maine, were nominated, so the matter went over for election later. Then the nomination for members of the council of administration began. While this was going on, the president and the national officers of the ladies of the G. A. R. and the W. H. C. entered the convention hall.

At the afternoon session of the encampment the resolutions condemning Colonel Ainsworth for discharging veterans because of their testimony at the inquiry into the Ford theater disaster at Washington was taken up and discussed.

NOT AN AMERICAN BORN.

The New Commander-in-Chief of the G. A. R. is an Englishman.

PITTSBURG, Sept. 13.—Col. Lawler the new commander-in-chief, was born in England on April 7, 1844. When a child he was taken to Illinois and educated in the public schools of Rockford. At the age of 17 he enlisted as a private in Co. E, 10th Illinois volunteer infantry. He saw much hard fighting.

He commanded his company for two months during the Atlanta campaign and was elected captain by the company and placed upon the roll of honor by Major General Rosecrans of the army of the Cumberland.

Colonel Lawler organized the Rockford rifle in 1873 and was elected colonel and commanded the Third regiment I. N. G. for seven years, when he resigned. He was postmaster at Rockford under the Hayes and Garfield administrations, and is in the lumber and coal business.

Col. Lawler has been commander of G. L. Nevada post of Rockford for twenty consecutive years. He has also served as a member of the department council of administration and junior and senior vice-commander.

After the election of Col. Lawler the convention adjourned for dinner.

THE WOMEN'S SOCIETIES.

Daughters of Veterans, Ladies of the G. A. R. and Relief Corps.

PITTSBURG, Sept. 13.—The Daughters of Veterans this morning elected the following national officers:

President, Mrs. Ellen M. Walker, of Worcester, Mass.; senior vice president, Miss Anna Schmid, of St. Louis; junior vice president, Miss Gladys Foster, of Kansas; chaplain, Miss Lena Stevens, of Massillon, O.; treasurer, Mrs. Ida J. Allen, of Newtonville, Mass.

The ladies of the G. A. R. met this morning. The national inspector, Mrs. Mary E. Gordon, of Kansas, reported that the organization has over 10,000 members and expended \$35,000 during the year.

The Woman's Relief Corps, at its session this morning, received an invitation from Mrs. McMahon, deputy president of Kentucky, to meet with the G. A. R. in Louisville in 1895.

Kate Brownlee Sherwood submitted the report of the committee on national council of women. The committee met with the Woman's Congress of representative women to arrange for the triennial council to be held at Washington next year.

The Woman's Relief Corps ranked second numerically at this meeting, where 17 women's associations were represented with an aggregate membership of over 100,000.

The movement to teach patriotism in the public schools and placing a flag on every school house and in every school room in the land was approved.

INHUMAN CREATURES.

Horribly Maltreated a Lone Woman and Try to Burn Her Alive.

AKRON, O., Sept. 13.—Three negroes, two men and a woman, called at the house of Saloonist George Woehlhuber in the heart of the city this morning and demanded breakfast. Mrs. Woehlhuber was alone. Badly frightened, she prepared the meal. Later the men returned to the house, broke in the street door, and going to Mrs. Woehlhuber's room, beat her insensibly and then assaulted her. She was bound and gagged and thrown into the cellar.

Carpets and bedding were saturated with oil and the house fired. Except for the timely discovery of the flames, all traces of the crime would have been obliterated. Mrs. Woehlhuber's condition is critical.

Police and citizens are searching for the villains.

A BIG GIFT TO K. U.

One Hundred Thousand Dollars for the Medical School.

LAWRENCE, Sept. 13.—Kansas University has received another valuable endowment in property worth \$100,000 and located in Kansas City, Kansas. The donor is Dr. Simeon B. Bell, a wealthy physician of that city.

He gives the land as an endowment of a medical school and the only provision put upon the gift is that the hospital for the school must be erected on a part of the land within the next ten years.

Chancellor Snow and the board of regents met today to accept the gift. It will be the means of once founding a medical school at Kansas University, which will have a four years course.

IN THE DEBS CASE.

A Witness Says Debs Was Anxious For the Boycott.

CHICAGO, Sept. 13.—The government attorney in the Debs case today asked that President Debs and the other defendants be called upon to testify. The defense objected and Judge Woods allowed the matter to pass without a ruling.

Wallace Rice a reporter, who, as delegate from a local union, was present at the A. R. U. convention, told of the scenes during the consideration of the Pullman strike. The witness said that Debs made a free speech urging the boycott and declaring that he would rather see the A. R. U. go to wreck in so righteous a cause than drag along uselessly.

Mr. Rice said, "I think more conservative and opposed the ordering of the boycott."

Manager Mulford, of the Western Union Telegraph company, was recalled and produced a message from Mrs. Leland Stanford to Debs on July 2, asking him to give permission to the train to take her private car to San Francisco.

Miss Becker, a telegraph operator, testified that Debs had replied to Mrs. Stanford telling her that the train would take her car through. This was the first evidence that Debs had personally sent messages relative to the strike.

Walker announced that the government case, was closed with the exception of the production of the Pullman contracts. The defense refused to outline its testimony.

BANK OF ENGLAND HARD UP

Could Only Declare a Dividend of 4 Per Cent This Time.

LONDON, Sept. 13.—The governors of the Bank of England at their half yearly meeting today, declared a dividend of 4 per cent. The reason for this reduction is a decrease in profits due to the rise in the unprecedented increase in the reserve and the low value of money.

Since February 28, the net result of the Baring liquidation has been a reduction of £1,075,000, making the liability £2,481,935, and the debt due the bank £2,400,000. The outlook for further progress in the liquidation so far favorable that it is believed no loss will fall upon the guarantors.

SKYSCRAPER MEN QUIT.

They Went Work With Non-Union Men on the Big Marquette Building.

CHICAGO, Sept. 13.—The 750 men at work on the new Marquette building at Dearborn and Adams streets went on strike today and a riot was narrowly averted. Eighteen non-union Edison company electric workers, who were the cause of the strike, were attacked and forced to flee to prevent bloodshed.

The Building Trades council had notified the contractor to discharge the men and upon his refusal the strike followed.

The men were in an ugly mood, but the flight of the non-union men and the appearance of the police quieted the disturbance.

THE CZAR VERY SICK.

His Illness is Cerebral and He is Mentally Depressed.

LONDON, Sept. 13.—The correspondent at Vienna of the Chronicle says: News received from St. Petersburg indicates that the czar's illness is cerebral complicated with an ailment of the kidneys. Prayers for his recovery have been ordered twice at court.

The czar is mentally depressed. He gets tired after the shortest period of work. His stay in the desert is reported to have been very beneficial.

FERDINAND WARD'S BOY.

He Was Abducted This Morning But Was Recaptured.

NEW YORK, Sept. 13.—A private dispatch from Thompson, Conn., says that Clarence Ward, son of Ferdinand Ward, was kidnapped this morning. The boy had been living with his guardian at Thompson.

A later dispatch says the boy was recovered at Webster, Mass., from two men in a buggy. The men were strangers in that part of the country. Both men were captured.

Populists Rally Here September 29.

The Populist state central committee is arranging for a big meeting to be held in Topeka, Saturday, September 29, to be addressed by Governor L. D. Lewelling, S. M. Scott and Jesse Harper, who is advertised as the man who has made more than 5,700 political speeches.

ON THE HOG RAN.

Striking Way Ex-Secretary Wm. Higgins of Kansas City.

Refers to the Situation of the Populists.

TALKS TO A REPORTER

He is Betting That Overmyer Will Get 35,000.

Says Calderhead Will Lose the Fifth District.

Ex-Secretary of State William Higgins, whose business residence is in Kansas City, but whose political home is in Topeka, is here today in conference with Chairman Leland and Secretary Bristol, of the Republican state central committee.

To a STATE JOURNAL reporter Mr. Higgins said: "Everything looks lovely. We've got 'em (the Populists) on the hog train, sure enough now. Of course there has still got to be some campaigning done; it is some time until election and it is now our business to see that the cargo don't slip."

"It looks as though the Republican state ticket will be elected without a doubt and we will, I believe, elect seven out of the eight congressmen. As to the legislature, we can't tell yet, the other fellows are making a desperate fight for it, but John Martin's announcement that he is a Democrat and that he is a candidate for re-election is not pleasant news to the Populists and they are already showing their disapproval of his position."

"Dave Overmyer is going to get more votes than most people think. I believe he will get 45,000 or 50,000 votes and I am betting he will get at least 35,000. He is going to get at least 8,000 in the First district; of that number 5,000 will be out of three counties," and Mr. Higgins gave figures for the other districts which show he has at least been watching the situation.

"We have a good show of carrying every congressional district in the state, with the exception of the Fifth, and we could have that if it were not for Mr. Calderhead being still tied up to that old gold idea of finance. The rest of the party have had to come around to the silver idea just as I told them they would."

"I suppose you are rubbing it in a little, then?" suggested the reporter.

"No, I am not. I am helping all I can the committee in doing good work and the members of the committee know enough to listen to advice and act on it. We have a good committee this year and the campaign is being well managed."

"The election is over and the victory is won however we will still have something to look out for and that is the matter of appointments. Hereafter, personal interests have got to give way for those of the party."

"The Republican party has suffered on account of some of the appointments made in the past, some against which I protested, but for which many people no doubt thought I was in a measure responsible."

"It looks as though everything is as in the old saying, coming our way—bent for election."

BLEED HIM TO DEATH.

Ravenous Populist Politicians Accused of Doing Up Jeff Hudson.

A dispatch from Columbus, Cherokee county, gives some inside facts relative to the withdrawal of Jeff Hudson from the congressional race in the Third district.

According to this dispatch Hudson on last Friday said he expected to make the race and expressed himself as confident of re-election, but the next day he announced that he would not be a candidate. The reasons for his sudden change of plans are said to have been that a scheme had been devised by a certain clique in the party, men who had been disappointed in the distribution of the leaves and fishes as promised by Hudson in '92 in shape of postboxes, Indian agencies, registers and receivers of land offices to say nothing of United States marshalship and United States district attorney.

These political friends sought the opportunity of evening up old scores, and, working through the committee, assessed Hudson, some \$100 for each county in the district; \$800 in all, which with \$250 assessed by the state committee, made a pull of \$1,150. Hudson explained that it was impossible to raise the sum; that his expenses had exceeded his salary in the last congress, but no money was shown, the money must come or he must stop down and out.

This is the true reason for the withdrawal of Hudson. If withdrawal it can be called. Hudson has been accused of using every method to defeat Ben Glover for a re-nomination in 1892 and that unscrupulous means have been used to defeat his own political aspirations looks like a swift and speedy retribution.

TWO TRAINS RESTORED.

The Santa Fe Will Put on Two More Trains Tomorrow.

The two passenger trains which were taken off the Topeka to St. Joseph line a few weeks ago, will be restored by the Santa Fe company beginning tomorrow morning. The east bound train leaves about 5 a. m., and the west bound train arrives shortly before midnight.

Lucknow Inundated.

LONDON, Sept. 13.—A dispatch to the Times from Calcutta says that the highest flood ever recorded in that district is now causing damage at Lucknow, where a large portion of the city is inundated.

Not a Pleasant Greeting.

BERLIN, Sept. 13.—During Emperor William's visit to Marienburg red posters bearing the words "Down with the emperor and the monarchy" were found displayed in various parts of the town.

CORBETT COMES BACK.

Says Jackson Can Have a Fight If He Wants It.

NEW YORK, Sept. 13.—Corbett, in a signed article in the World this morning, says: "If Jackson wants a fight I will name as referees the men satisfactory to me now. The following are the acknowledged referees of this country: John Duffy of New York, P. J. Donohue of New York, John Eckhardt of New York, George Siler of Chicago, John Kelly of New York, and Al Smith of New York—all them satisfactory to me. I want to put this man on record. Does he dare stoop to give him the worst of it?"

"He talks about fighting in three months when he knows that this club has shown him that it is impossible for them to bring it off in that time. If he is so anxious to fight me, why don't he come to where I am, and he can get all the fight he wants in twenty-four hours' notice, or I will meet him secretly at once at any place he names, and will show him up plainly."

"The truth of the matter is, that this man hates Americans because they do not consider him as good as they are and because he is not allowed to pose and strut about and be looked up to and worshipped as he is on the other side of the water. When he sails for England he will never return here, and while 3,000 miles away he will keep up his wordy war on me and try to persuade the public that he is on the level, when I know his purpose in going to that country is to engage in a fake fight with another broken-down fighter—Slavin."

"He says he is not an actor, and that his theatrical contracts do not interfere with him. No, because his attempt to appear on the stage was a dire failure, and the managers throughout the country now refuse to book him."

"In conclusion, Mr. Peter Jackson, I tell you plainly that I will fight you privately or openly in one week, one month, two months or three months time for as much money as you can raise, purse or no purse, in a club, on a barge, in a hack, in a room—anywhere in America."

BRICE'S THREAT.

If Ohio Democrats Dare Challenge Him He Will Resign.

CINCINNATI, Sept. 13.—A special from Columbus says: The friends of Senator Brice here say that if the Democratic convention next week adopts resolutions censuring him for his course against the Wilson tariff bill he will at once resign.

This would lose the Democrats one vote on the senate, as Gov. McKinley would appoint a Republican. The governor would have the filling of the vacancy entirely in his power, as the general assembly has adjourned since the bill was passed except upon the governor's call.

This would also place Governor McKinley in a peculiar position, as he is said to be a candidate to succeed Brice in the senate himself and the only other candidate is ex-Governor Foraker.

COULDN'T STAND MUSIC.

A Serious Riot in Bombay Between Mohammedans and Hindus.

BOMBAY, Sept. 12.—A serious riot occurred at midnight last night near the Daravala bridge, Bombay city. Some Mohammedans were listening to the reading of the koran, in a mosque near the bridge objected to the music of a procession of Hindus. The latter, however, persisted and the Mohammedans raised a war cry. A fight lasting three hours followed, during which it is estimated 1,000 people, mostly Hindus, were poured to the scene to take part in the conflict.

The mosque was sacked and an attempt was made to destroy it by fire. During the fight one man was killed and many were injured.

THEIR YACHT ON FIRE.

Narrow Escape of Pleasure-Seekers in Long Island Sound.

GREENPORT, L. I., Sept. 13.—Joseph Fahey, the millionaire president of Fahey's watch case company, and a party of friends had a narrow escape this morning from disaster. They were on the bay on the steam yacht Alsace. It caught fire while off Shelter island.

Just as those on board had given up all hope of escaping, the steamer Montauk of the New York and Long Island company came in sight. She was signalled and took all off the yacht. The flames were then extinguished by the crew of the Montauk.

BRITISH ARE VIGOROUS.

Slave Selling Stopped in Egypt With a Firm Hand.

CAIRO, Sept. 13.—Ali Cheriff, president of the legislative council, and Hassan Waccef, a retired general of the Egyptian army, who was arrested August 28, charged with purchasing slave girls recently brought here from Waday, have been convicted after a thorough judicial investigation into the case.

As already called Sharawi Pasha, who was charged with the same offense, absconded.

EUROPE MAY DISARM.

Emperor of Germany Said to Desire a General Disarmament.

PARIS, Sept. 13.—L'Autorite says that the emperor of Germany is trying to organize a conference of the powers with a view of bringing about a general disarmament.

Kingman Banker Arrested.

KINGMAN, KANS., Sept. 13.—E. A. Parson, ex-cashier of the defunct Farmers and Drivers' bank, and at present receiver appointed by the federal courts, is under arrest for receiving deposits after the bank was insolvent. The bank was one of the Jarvis-Couklin company, and went into Parson's hands as receiver last January.

Breidenthal Will Fix It.

Chairman John W. Breidenthal of the Populist state central committee, has gone to Chetopa, Labette county, on political business. It is understood he will on this trip try to straighten out affairs in the Third congressional district, which have become so disarranged by the withdrawal of Jeff Hudson.

JUDGES AND PASSES.

Another Upright Kansas Judge is Discovered

Who Doesn't Ride on Free Railroad Passes.

HE IS A DEMOCRAT.

His Name is John T. Burris, Tenth District.

Senator Martin Interviewed on the Pass Question.

Another member of the Kansas judiciary has been discovered who does not accept railroad passes, and who does not propose to allow even the suspicion of being influenced by corporate power to rest upon his official acts.

Judge John T. Burris of Olathe, Johnson county, a Democrat, refused to accept free transportation from the railroads and pays his fare like other passengers when he rides on the cars.

The Western Spirit, Barney Sheridan's paper, published at Paola, says: "Judge John T. Burris of this, the Tenth Judicial district, was up for re-election in 1893 as a Democratic nominee and the Populists tried every way to beat him. They supported old Gill who had not practiced law for eleven years, and who, though admitted to the bar long ago, never really was a lawyer. And yet it was well known that Judge Burris, who went upon the bench here in January, 1890, returned at the polls and beat him by the railroads and has in every instance paid his fare."

There may be a few other judges in the state who don't ride on railroad passes, and if there are they should come out frankly and say so. As it now stands just three Kansas judges—Justice Allen of the supreme court, a Populist Judge Z. T. Hazen of the Shawnee county district court, a Republican, and Judge John T. Burris of the Tenth judicial district, a Democrat, are known to be worthy of having their names inscribed upon the roll of honor as the judges who want their records to be above suspicion.

A Santa Fe official who has something to do with the giving out of passes, in conversation with a STATE JOURNAL reporter on this subject, said: "The JOURNAL is attracting considerable attention by its fight on the use of passes by judges and other officials. It is a good thing, but it is having lots of fun, but you are making a lot of fellows uneasy. The pass business can't be changed, however; it has become one of the settled customs of the nation and its continuation is as certain as the continuation of the government."

These judges, judges in Kansas use passes and why shouldn't they, but the men who make the most use of their passes are the sheriffs of some of the western counties who ride on passes and charge their railroad fare up to the county at regular rates. When they take prisoners to the penitentiary they ride on passes and the county feels the bill just the same as if they didn't have free transportation. This is the principal income of some of the county officials of western Kansas and they would kick in great shape if the pass business should be done away with. But it won't; it may be lots of fun making the fight but it can't amount to anything."

United States Senator John Martin rides on railroad passes and says he always expects to.

A JOURNAL reporter who talked with him on his return from Washington called his attention to the question of railroad passes by judges and other public officials.

"Senator, do you ride on railroad passes?" asked the reporter.

The senator paused a moment and then said: "Yes, of course I do; I have passes on all the railroads in Kansas and have had for twenty years and I ride on my passes whenever I have occasion to. Every judge and every state official in Kansas has and always has had passes on the railroads and they use them too and I have no patience with this demagoguery. I have always had railroad passes and always expect to have. I had passes when I was in the legislature and I voted against the railroads, too. All the passes I have ever had never influenced my vote in the least and I don't believe other pass holders are influenced in that way."

"Do you ride on a Pullman pass senator?"

"No, I do not; I must say that I have never been aboard a Pullman passenger car, but if I had one I would most surely use it. It costs me about \$28. I pay the Pullman company that much money for sleeper and meals every time I go to Washington and back and a pass would be a very acceptable saving. I don't know personally of any senators who have Pullman passes, and I don't believe there are a half dozen who hold that kind of transportation. The Pullman company is not as free with its passes as the railroads are."

"I liked Senator Sherman's resolution and would like to vote for it. I hope that matter will be pushed."

FROUDE MAY DIE.

The Noted Historian's Illness Takes a Serious Turn.

LONDON, Sept. 13.—The illness of Jas. Anthony Froude, the historian, has taken such a serious turn that it is now feared he will not recover. He was born April 23, 1813, at Darlington, Devonshire.

Altgeld Sends Him Back.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Sept. 13.—Governor Altgeld has honored the request of the governor of Nebraska for the surrender of W. W. Grate a former arrested here, and wanted at Hebron, Neb.

The fire department received today the 2,000 feet of new hose which was ordered several weeks ago from a Boston house. The hose has a coarse, knitted outer covering of a variety never used heretofore in Topeka.

DATES FOR MORRILL.

Where He Will Speak—Also Dick Blue's Dates as Arranged.

The Republican state central committee this morning announced the following dates for Major E. N. Morrill's meetings in southern Kansas:

October 5th, Arkansas City at night; 6th, Norton; 7th, Hays; 8th, Crows Grove, Montgomery county 2 p. m., Independence at night; 9th, Parsons at night; 10th, Rockafeller's grove in Cherokee county 2 p. m., Columbus at night; 11th, Girard 1 p. m., Erie at night.

The new dates for Dick Blue as announced are: October 6th, Burden 2 p. m., Winfield at night; 8th, Grenola 2 p. m., Howard at night; 9th, Sedan day and night; 10th, Buffalo 2 p. m., Altamora at night; 11th, Thayer, 2 p. m., Cherryvale at night; 13th, Columbus 3 p. m., Galena at night; 13th, two meetings in Crawford county, not yet arranged.

F. B. Daves' latest arranged meetings will be, September 25th, Daxter 2 p. m., Arkansas City at night; September 29th, Cedarvale 2 p. m., Grenola at night; October 1st, Busby 2 p. m.; 2nd, Howland 2 p. m.; 3rd, Mound Valley 1 p. m.; Oswego at night; 4th, Weir City at night; 6th, Cherokee 2 p. m.; Pittsburg at night; 6th, Walnut 2 p. m.; Chanute at night.

A BOY'S ADVENTURES.

He Goes Clear Around the Globe Without Any Money.

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 13.—The Norwegian steamship Furubra, from Java, landed Arthur Vincent, a New York boy who has circled the globe without a cent of money. He left New York two years ago, at the age of fourteen, and the testimonials he carried with him are sufficient proof of his travels.